WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
May 15, 2006
Curriculum Committee Meeting

The Meeting of the Curriculum Committee was held at the Blake Building, 25 Ogden Street, West Haven on May 15, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Raymond Collins at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Krista Pickering, Chairman
PRESENT
Mark Palmieri
Robert Guthrie

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE:
Raymond Collins
George Monahan
Eric Murillo

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Chairman, M. Toni Paine
Howard Horvath

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
Neil Cavallaro, Assistant Superintendent
Garth Sawyer

Krista Pickering, Chairman for the Curriculum Committee turned the meeting over to Frank Paolino, K-12 Coordinator, who passed out books to Board members. He discussed the areas included in the books some of which include: Mastery Testing, State Strands and particulars for each grade level.

Neil Cavallaro asked at what point are we going to put the books away and start reviewing before the mastery test. Frank Paolino responded that they have incorporated mastery review into the program. There are mastery questions throughout the entire program. Tests are standard throughout the year and the results are forwarded to Neil to get an idea of the strengths and weaknesses.

The fifth grade math is presented in a different way than the lower grades. Parents can also look on the website to gain help. There are sample quizzes and worksheets for the parents to use.
Neil Cavallaro asked Frank Paolino about the Pilot Program for Grade 4. Grade 4 is basically in a mastery set program. Frank Paolino has seen this in other schools and the children are doing excellent work. This program will be district wide.

The people who contributed their time and efforts to help with this curriculum in addition to Frank Paolino, K-12 Coordinator and Mary Janeczek 6-12 Dept. Head are listed below:

Grade 5 – Mona Solano, Ralph Filippelli and Don Funaro
Grade 6 - Lisa Ricci-Brooks, Steve Gettings, Amy Gaetano and Ron Matusovich
Grade 7 – Ed Lucas, Joyce Thomson and Cindi Anastasio
Grade 8 – Demetra Ballas, Tom Klein and Andrea Girasulo

Neil Cavallaro wanted to take a minute and thank everyone for the time required to complete this curriculum and for their hard work throughout the year.

The Board showed their gratitude with a round of applause.

Ray Collins gave thanks.

Krista Pickering made a motion for the Board to accept the Math Curriculum for Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8.

George Monahan seconded this motion.

All members voted in favor of this motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Gerald Calabritto.

Motion seconded by Mark Palmieri.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Amendola
Board Clerk